Tourism Projects for Rajasthan

1480. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken on priority basis any tourism projects of Rajasthan in consultation with the State Government during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) if so, the status of each project as on date?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Year-wise details of tourism projects sanctioned in Rajasthan under the scheme of Central financial assistance are as under:–

Year	No. of Projects
1999-2000	12
2000-2001	22
2001-2002	02
TOTAL:	36

(b) Out of 36 projects, 6 have been completed, 1 has been dropped and the remaining 29 are under implementation.

Tourism under concurrent list

1481. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken recently to bring the tourism industry in the Concurrent List from the present State List but some States have opposed it; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal as formulated, the objections raised by the opposing States and the present status of its consideration?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) 'Tourism' as a subject does not find a place in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. In order to give a constitutional

status to this subject and to provide both the Central and the State Governments with constitutional powers to deal with problems of the tourism sector and to establish the joint responsibility in development of tourism in the country, the Department of Tourism, Government of India sought the views of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations regarding inclusion of 'Tourism' in the Concurrent List of the Constitution. So far, 8 States have not agreed to the proposal and 2 have not indicated their stand. All the States who have not agreed to the proposal have been requested to reconsider their decision. The names of the States along with reasons for their not agreeing to the proposal are at Statement enclosed.

Statement

Name of the State who have not agreed to the proposal

S.No.	Name of the State	Reasons for not agreeing to the proposal
1.	Andhra Pradesh	State Government need more autonomy and as such opposed the suggestion.
2.	Haryana, Karnataka and Punjab	The State Governments have decided to place 'Tourism' in the State List of the Constitution of India.
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	The State Govt. does not agree to the proposal.
4.	Kerala	Government of Kerala is of the view that if 'Tourism' is included in the Concurrent List as proposed, the State Government is likely to loose the right to legislate on a major share of State subjects.
5.	Madhya Pradesh	The State Govt. will loose the right to legislate matters like taxes levied on the hospitality industry, taxes in the transport sector, law/rules governing State archaeological monuments, law/ rules relating to construction of hotels, resorts etc. As such, the proposal is opposed by the State Government.
6.	Tamil Nadu	State Govt. is of the view that since large number of schemes in connection with tourism are in the State List, the proposal to include 'Tourism' in the Concurrent List is not agreed to.
7.	Maharashtra	No reply to date.
8.	Rajasthan	No reply to date.